

Brief Biographical Sketch

Major General William R. Shuler was born in Temple, Texas, on January 16, 1911. He is a 1932 graduate of the California Institute of Technology in Electrical Engineering. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy from the State of California and graduated in 1936, receiving a commission in the Corps of Engineers. He captained the 1935 Army football team. He received a graduate degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California in 1940. He graduated from the Army War College in 1954.

Prior to World War II, his assignments included duty with the Sixth Engineers at Fort Lewis, Washington; with the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and with the Training Center at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

His World War II duty was with Amphibious Task Force No. 9 in the Aleutians Campaign and as Commander of the 1115th Engineer Combat Group in the European Theater.

General Shuler served with the Manhattan Engineer District from 1944 to 1945 and with the Seattle Engineer District from 1946 to 1948. He was Deputy Engineer, U. S. Army, Pacific, from 1948 to 1950. From 1950 to 1953 he was District Engineer, Los Angeles Engineer District.

From 1954 through 1958, General Shuler served as Chief, Construction Division, DCSLOG, Department of the Army; and then as Division Engineer, Mediterranean Engineer Division, from 1958 to 1960. From 1960 to 1962 he served as Division Engineer, Missouri River Engineer Division at Omaha, Nebraska. He was assigned as Director of Installations, DCSLOG, Department of the Army, on 23 April 1962.

General Shuler's decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, the Commendation Ribbon with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart. His foreign decorations include the French Legion of Honor, French Croix de Guerre, the Belgian Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre.

He is married to the former Marjorie Beeuwkes and has two children.

He was promoted as follows: first lieutenant 12 June 1939, captain 9 September 1940, major 1 February 1942, lt colonel 20 October 1942, colonel 21 August 1943, brigadier general 21 March 1957, and major general 1 May 1962.